

A.— Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Home).—

(a) No.

(b) No such incidents have been reported from the limits of the former Outpost at Agara. However, only one stray incident of robbery was reported from the limits of Yelandur Police Station on 8th February 1961 and it is under investigation.

(c) No arrests have been made so far in respect of the incident mentioned in the reply to clause (b). Regular Police beats to the villages have been arranged and the police officers are frequently visiting the villages.

SANCTION OF AMOUNT TO THE N. E. S., ARKALGUD TALUK FOR IRRIGATION WORKS.

* Q.—288. Sri PUTTE GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the amount of Government grant sanctioned to the N.E.S, Arkalgud Taluk, under the 2nd Five-Year Plan for the Irrigation Works ;

(b) the amount spent upto the year 1960, out of the grant;

(c) the amount of the balance unspent and the reasons for not utilising the entire grant ;

(d) the action taken by them in the matter for the non-utilisation of the full grant?

A.— Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development).—

(a) Rs. 3,50,000.

(b) Rs. 2,54,000.

(c) and (d) The unspent balance as on 1st January 1961 was Rs. 96,000. Out of this a sum of Rs. 34,209 has already been spent during January 1961 and the balance of Rs. 61,791 will be spent before 31st March 1961, the date upto which the period of operation of this block has been extended.

CONSTRUCTION OF TANK IN PAVAGADA TALUK.

* Q.—305. Sri P. ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the extent of the achkat that may come under Siddappanakkere in Pavagada Taluk, if the tank is constructed ;

(b) whether they are aware that the water from the catchment of the above tank is flowing to Andhra Pradesh area ;

(c) whether they are aware that if this water is stored by constructing a tank, Kanamalakuntekere lying below the above tank, would also be filled up and the achkat under that tank would be irrigated ;

(d) whether they intend to construct a tank, after investigating all the above points ?

A.— Sri H. K. VEEBANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) About 50 acres.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) This is being examined with reference to the cost of the scheme and the agreement with the erstwhile Madras State.

SAGAVANI TREES CUT BY SMUGGLERS IN CHAMARAJANAGAR TALUK.

* Q.—308. Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of Sagavani trees cut by smugglers in the Nallur Forest Range jurisdiction in Chamarajanagar Division ;

(b) the method adopted to determine the trees cut by the Department and by smugglers ;

(c) the value of loss to the Department due to smuggling?

A.— Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Forests).—

(a) The information is being collected.

(b) The stumps of the trees cut or exploited departmentally bear felling hammer marks whereas the trees cut by the smugglers do not bear such marks.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).

SUPPLY OF WATER TO RANGADHAMA TANK IN CHICKBALLAPUR TALUK.

* Q.—321. Sri A. MUNIAPPA (Chickballapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh estimate has been prepared for supplying water to Rangadhama Tank in Chickballapur Taluk ;

(b) the action taken by them in this behalf?